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SUMMARY: UNDER THE FIRM HAND OF THE LOCAL GENDARMERIE

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COMMANDER, THE IMPASSE IN SINOP WAS BROKEN AND A COLLECTIVE

CONTRACT IS IN SIGHT. HE ORDERED LOCAL TAXIS AND BUS COMPANY TO TRANSPORT TRANSFERRING U.S. PERSONNEL OUT OF SINOP AND LATER ON THE BASE REQUESTED A MINOR CONCESSION FROM BOEING SERVICES SO THAT HE COULD IMPOSE A CONTRACT ON THE UNION. HE CALLED A MEETING AT GOVERNOR'S OFFICE WHICH RESULTED IN A GENTLEMEN'S AGREEMENT FOR A CONTRACT. SUBSEQUENTLY, MINUTES AND PROTOCOL OF THE EARLIER DISCUSSION WERE SIGNED OUTLINING TERMS OF A CONTRACT. MANAGEMENT MADE ONLY MINOR CONCESSIONS, AND EVEN THE NATIONAL DEFENSE WORKERS UNION OFFICIALS ARE PLEASED WITH OUTCOME. END SUMMARY.

1. DURING MORNING OF AUGUST 7 THE LOCAL GENDARMERIE (RURAL POLICE) COMMANDER, A MAJOR, ORDERED BOTH LOCAL TAXIS AND BUS COMPANY TO TRANSPORT OUT OF THE CITY 20 OFFICIAL U.S. PERSONNEL STRANDED IN SINOP WITH NO MEANS OF LEAVING BECUASE OF UNION PRESSURE ON THE CABS AND BUS COMPANY. LATER THE COMMANDER REQUESTED AND OBTAINED SOME MINOR CONCESSIONS FROM BOEING NEGOTIATORS (E.G., SLIGHT INCREASE IN PER DIEM RATES) SO THAT HE COULD GET AN AGREEMENT FORM THE UNION. GENDARMERIE MAJOR WAS APPARENTLY DISMAYED BY THE CONTROL WHICH THE UNION PRESIDENT HAD OVER THE LOCAL TOWNSFOLK, AND GENDARMERIE MAJOR PROBABLY INSISTED UPON A SETTLEMENT BY THE UNION EVEN BEFORE TALKING TO THE BOEING NEGOTIATORS.

2. HE CALLED A MEETING LATER IN THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE. WHILE THE GOVERNOR PLAYED A ROLE, THE GENDARMERIE MAJOR DOMINATED THE MEETING. IN THE ENSUING DISCUSSIONS, THE TERMS OF THE COLLECTIVE CONTRACT THAT EVOLVED WERE ESSENTIALLY THE TERMS OF THE NATIONAL DEFENSE WORKERS UNION IN BASIC WAGES, EFFECTIVE FOR THE FIRST YEAR ON JULY 1, AND THE SECOND INCREMENT EFFECTIVE ON APRIL 1. FRINGE BENEFITS SEEM TO BE ABOUT OR BELOW THE DEFENSE WORKERS CONTRACT AND ARE TO BE IMPLEMENTED AT A MUCH LATER DATE. IN EFFECT, MANAGEMENT MADE HARDLY ANY CONCESSIONS, BUT THERE WERE A COUPLE OF SLIGHT FACE-SAVING TERMS FOR THE UNION PRESIDENT. WHEN SIGNED, THE CONTRACT WILL BE VALID UNTIL JUNE 30, 1977.

3. SECRETARY GENERAL OF NATIONAL DEFENSE WORKERS UNION, WHO RECEIVED AN EARLY CALL FROM ITS MEMBERS ABOUT THE SETTLEMENT, TELEPHONED THE EMBASSY TO PASS ON THE WORD. IN DOING SO, HE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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EXPRESSED HIS SATISFACTION THAT THE TERMS WERE INFERIOR TO HIS UNION'S OWN CONTRACT SIGNED ON MAY 29, AND SAID THERE WAS NOW SUFFICIENT ROOM FOR IT TO MAKE INROADS AND POSSIBLY TAKE OVER SAVAS-IS COMPLETELY.

4. COMMENT: U.S. OFFICIALS ATTENDING THE MEETING AT THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ARE CONVINCED THAT THE GENDARMERIE MAJOR AND EVEN THE GOVERNOR WERE ACTING UNDER INSTRUCTIONS. THESE, FIRST

AND FOREMOST, ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE STEMMED FROM THE TURKISH
GENERAL STAFF, WHICH HAD BEEN REQUESTED BY THE CHIEF OF JUSMMAT FOR
SOME ASSISTANCE AND SECONDARILY FROM THE MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR
(BECAUSE OF THE RENEWED INTEREST OF THE GOVERNOR IN OBTAINING A
QUICK SETTLEMENT). SINOP IS TO BE INSPECTED BY TWO TURKISH
GENERAL OFFICERS ON AUGUST 7, AND IT IS BELIEVED, ALSO, THE
TGS WANTED THE MATTER SETTLED PRIOR TO THEIR ARRIVAL SO THERE
WOULD BE NO EMBARRASSING INCIDENTS DURING THEIR VISIT.
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